

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON RESTORATION OF SMALL COMMU-**  
2 **NITY AIR SERVICE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Depart-  
5 ment of Transportation shall enter into the appropriate  
6 arrangements with the National Academies to conduct a  
7 study on the loss of commercial air service in small com-  
8 munities in the United States and options to restore such  
9 service.

10 (b) **CONTENTS.**—In conducting the study required  
11 under subsection (a), that National Academies shall—

12 (1) assess the reduction of scheduled commer-  
13 cial air service to small communities over a 5-year  
14 period ending on the date of enactment of this Act,  
15 to include small communities that have lost all  
16 scheduled commercial air service;

1           (2) review economic trends that have resulted in  
2           reduction or loss of scheduled commercial air service  
3           to such communities;

4           (3) review the economic losses of such commu-  
5           nities who have suffered a reduction or loss of sched-  
6           uled commercial air service;

7           (4) identify the causes that prompted air car-  
8           riers to reduce or eliminate scheduled commercial air  
9           service to such communities;

10          (5) assess the impact of changing aircraft eco-  
11          nomics; and

12          (6) identify recommendations that can be imple-  
13          mented by such communities or Federal, State, or  
14          local agencies to aid in the restoration or replace-  
15          ment of scheduled commercial air service.

16          (c) CASE STUDIES.—In conducting the study re-  
17          quired under subsection (a), the National Academies shall  
18          assess not fewer than 7 communities that have lost com-  
19          mercial air service or have had commercial air service sig-  
20          nificantly reduced in the past 15 years, including—

21                 (1) Williamsport Regional Airport;

22                 (2) Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport;

23                 and

24                 (3) Chautauqua County Jamestown Airport.

1           (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
2 of enactment of this Act, the National Academies shall  
3 submit to the Secretary, the Committee on Transportation  
4 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and  
5 the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation  
6 of the Senate a report containing—

7           (1) the results of the study described in sub-  
8 section (a); and

9           (2) recommendations to Congress and commu-  
10 nities on action that can be taken to improve or re-  
11 store scheduled commercial service to small commu-  
12 nities.

